

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 255613

66

ORIGIN NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 TRSE-00 EB-07 AGR-10 /028 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/ARP:JPLYLE:BH  
APPROVED BY NEA/ARP:FMDICKMAN  
TREASURY:TWAHL  
EB:BWHITING  
AGRIC:KNEELEY

----- 038681

P 282316Z OCT 75  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT PRIORITY

UNCLAS STATE 255613

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, EAGR, KU, US

SUBJECT: KUWAIT INVESTMENT IN MISSISSIPPI RICE MILL

REF: KUWAIT 4124

1. DEPARTMENT, WITH ASSISTANCE OF AGRICULTURE, HAS BEEN ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA. 2, REFTEL. AS EMBASSY SUSPECTED, QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA. 3 SEEM MORE APPROPRIATE FOR ONE OF GOK'S INVESTMENT COUNSELORS, FNCB, BANK OF AMERICA, ETC. AS A RESULT, DEPARTMENT WILL NOT COMMENT ON QUESTIONS PARA. 3, REFTEL.

2. A) THE PRICE OF USDA NUMBER 2, LONG GRAIN RICE WITH 4 PERCENT BROKENS IS BETWEEN DOLS 16.50 TO DOLS 17.00 PER 100 LBS BAG READY FOR SHIPMENT FROM A PORT ON IN THE GULF OF MEXICO. THIS PRICE IS THE EQUIVALENT OF DOLS 364 TO DOLS 375 PER METRIC TON.

B) ,"  
AUG 72-JULY 73    AUG 73-JULY 74    AUG 74-JUL75  
IRAN    34,190        42,461        450,837  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 255613

IRAQ    -        9,011        109,999

|        |       |       |        |
|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| KUWAIT | 1,889 | 4,528 | 27,743 |
| OMAN   | 9     | 3,091 | 92     |

|              | AUG 72-JULY 73 | AUG 73-JULY 74 | AUG74-JUL75 |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| QATAR        | 39             | 1,773          | 50          |
| SAUDI ARABIA | 57,279         | 94,152         | 72,072      |
| UAE          | 151            | 2,798          | 1,094       |

NOTE: ALL FIGURES ARE GIVEN IN METRIC TONS.

C) NO PROJECTIONS, RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS, HAVE BEEN DONE ON THE MARKET FOR RICE IN THE LITTORAL STATES OF THE GULF. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, AGRICULTURE VIEWS THIS MARKET AS A GROWING MARKET FOR U.S. RICE EXPORTS. FOR EXAMPLE, DESPITE A TEMPORARY GLUT OF RICE ON THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET THIS YEAR, U.S. EXPORTS TO LITTORAL STATES ARE EXPECTED TO BE CLOSE TO THE HIGHEST FIGURES ACHIEVED DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS.

D) AS NOTED ABOVE, THE INTERNATIONAL RICE MARKET IS PRESENTLY CHARACTERIZED BY A TEMPORARY GLUT. THIS FACT HAS LED TO SOME TALK OF AN ACREAGE CEILING WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE IMPOSED BY CONGRESSIONAL ACTION; THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SUCH CEILINGS ITSELF. LONGER TERM, A GROWING POPULATION WORLD-WIDE IS EXPECTED TO CHALLENGE PRODUCING COUNTRIES' CAPABILITIES TO PRODUCE ALL GRAINS INCLUDING RICE.

KISSINGER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** FOREIGN INVESTMENT, RICE, INDUSTRIAL PLANTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 28 OCT 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975STATE255613  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** JPLYLE:BH  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750374-0248  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19751016/aaaaaojs.tel  
**Line Count:** 89  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN NEA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 75 KUWAIT 4124  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** buchant0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 28 OCT 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <28 OCT 2003 by MaustMC>; APPROVED <03 FEB 2004 by buchant0>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** KUWAIT INVESTMENT IN MISSISSIPPI RICE MILL  
**TAGS:** EINV, EAGR, KU, US  
**To:** KUWAIT  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006